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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA Historical Staff

SUBJECT : Status of the DDI Historical Program,  
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The DDI Historical Program is moving forward, slowly in most instances, but with a few significant break-throughs. Two papers were published during the quarter - the substantial final volume of the [REDACTED] history and an OCI monograph. 26 of the 50 histories scheduled for the catching-up period have now been completed and drafts of 15 more have been finished.

[REDACTED] has completed over half of the new research needed to revise the draft history of the Office of the DDI and has done some writing on the new version.

[REDACTED] retired leaving the revised draft of the unusable CRS history less than half finished. He is coming in part-time on a voluntary basis to complete the writing of the sections he had researched. [REDACTED] is now working on the paper full-time and has turned in a first draft of one small portion.

The Domestic Contact Service has taken a new look at its program, of which two nearly completed and one barely begun histories remain to be published. The original author has been reassigned to one of the former papers which has been extensively reworked by another writer in the interim. The Historical Officer, [REDACTED] has himself taken on responsibility for the second, though he has very limited time to devote to the project. The History of OO remains in abeyance.

The final [REDACTED] history - a long paper on [REDACTED] - is being revised after review and will soon be ready for typing.

IRS's History of the Collection Guidance Staff has also undergone a change of author because of retirement. [REDACTED] is working one day a week on finishing this up, hopefully about the end of the year.

In NPIC, the first volume of the Summary History is nearly all typed and should be published during the next quarter. The writer, [REDACTED] now proposes to split the second volume into two, and the draft of the proposed first installment is nearing completion. NPIC's two remaining monographs have been stalled for some time because of conflicting duties of the authors. The one requiring the most rewriting has now been turned over to an editor within the component.

OBI has named a full-time historical officer, [REDACTED] who has reviewed the office's program and proposed some revisions in it. In particular, OBI now plans to

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turn out a two-volume overall history of Cartography Division which will fill a gap in the program and incorporate three monographs already in draft which would have needed considerable reworking if they were to be published separately. One other paper, previously planned to cover two topics, will be divided into two so that one part can be published fairly soon without waiting for the extensive revision required for the second. Otherwise, two OBGI monographs are virtually ready for publication and the writers of three others hope to be able to resume their revisions soon, leaving only one paper, the overall history of Geography Division, in abeyance.

Except for making revisions and doing the final typing of its overall history after the reviewing process has been finished, OCI has completed its program. Its full-time historical officer, [REDACTED] has begun work on a new paper for the on-going phase.

OER should be ready to move ahead with publication around the turn of the year. Volume I of its overall history has been reviewed and is ready for final typing. Volume II is now undergoing review and only minimal revision is anticipated. The three volume history of the Economic Defense Program is about ready for review.

Finally, OSR's history of the Development of Military/Economic Research is undergoing extensive review and revision within the component. OSR expects to forward this history for review shortly after the first of the year.

Three offices - OCI, OER, and NPIC - have launched projects which fall in the on-going program. Five writers - one annuitant on contract, two full-time staff employees, and two part-time staff employees - are engaged in researching and writing four papers in this category.

In sum, the bulk of the work of the DDI Historical Program now appears to be under control, although some of the major histories will not be completed until 1973. Only a few papers are still delinquent because writers are not currently available to finish them.

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